

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Make of record the accompanying new sheets of Figures
7-9 of the drawings.

REMARKS

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been rewritten in American form.

New drawing Figures 7-9 are inserted herewith, to show the various alternatives of claim 1; and the specification is correspondingly amended at page 5.

Other changes in the specification and claims are made, so as to overcome any inconsistencies with respect to the reference characters that appear in the drawings.

The various other formal objections raised in the Official Action are met by amendment of the claims.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested, for the rejection of the claims as unpatentable over KRETSCHMER in view of YOUNG, or further in view of SHERMAN.

Neither KRETSCHMER nor YOUNG suggests that the axis of the threading 6 is laterally and/or angularly offset in relation to the axis of the bore 19 and/or to the axis of the pin 21.

In KRETSCHMER, the axis of the sleeve 4 coincides with the axis of the pin 2. In YOUNG, nut 6 has the same axis as shank 10.

SHERMAN does not meet the deficiencies of KRETSCHMER and YOUNG in this regard. In SHERMAN, both sides of the combined articles 26, 30 need to be accessible to lock the fasteners 27. The purpose of SHERMAN is to compensate for a possible misalignment between the bores of the two articles 26, 30. This

document does nothing to suggest using a lateral and/or angular misalignment, in order to lock a pin. In other words, in the present invention, we positively use the lateral and/or angular misalignment; whereas in SHERMAN, such a misalignment would be a defect which SHERMAN overcomes. Hence, SHERMAN can teach nothing to a person of ordinary skill in this art, with respect to the deficiencies of KRETSCHMER and YOUNG for reference purposes.

The patent to HAAG may teach the feature for which it was cited; but as HAAG, like SHERMAN, does nothing to overcome the shortcomings of KRETSCHMER and YOUNG with respect to the principal aspect of the present invention, it is not believed to be necessary to discuss HAAG in greater detail at this time.

As the claims as constituted clearly bring out the novel and unobvious subject matter of the present invention with ample particularity and distinctness, it is believed that they are all patentable, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following items:

- new Abstract of the Disclosure
- new Figures 7-9 of the drawings